

LAST SPEECH ON BUSINESS

Delivered by President McKinley
at Boston Friday.

AMERICA IS GREAT

Soon to Become a Creditor
Instead of Debtor Nation

Expansion of Commercial Interests
Growing Rapidly—Our Money is
Sound and Full Confidence is
Restored—Resources Multi-
plying—The Ex-
port Trade.

BOSTON, MASS., February 18.—
President McKinley and party left for
Washington on their special train at
6 o'clock evening. The president left
in excellent health and expressed him-
self as having enjoyed every moment
of his trip.

Last Address.

After addressing the members of the
Massachusetts General Assembly Presi-
dent McKinley by special invitation
met the members of the Commercial
club. He said:

"Gentlemen of the Commercial Club
—I am glad to meet the members of
the Commercial club and the business
men of Boston here assembled. I re-
joice with them upon the better con-
ditions of trade now prevailing
throughout the country. The last 12
months have marked great changes,
and brought business improvement to
almost all America. The man of
affairs feels better because his affairs
are in a better state. He is more com-
fortable than he has been for many
years. He has taken on new courage
and confidence. He is satisfied with
the revenue and financial policies of
his country. He can now make
accurate calculation of the future.

"The past year has recorded a
volume of business, domestic and fore-
ign, unparalleled in any former opera-
tion of the United States. Our
mercantile export trade had made
American balances satisfactory, and
almost for the first time the money of
the country has been so abundant and
the wealth of the country so great
that our capitalists have sought fore-
ign investments. We are fast going
from a debtor to a creditor nation.

"I hope nothing will check it. We
have quit discussing the tariff and
have turned our attention to getting
trade wherever it can be found. It
will be a long time before any change
can be made or any change desired in
the present fiscal policy except to
strengthen it. The differences on this
question which existed have disap-
peared. We have turned from
academic theories to trade conditions,
and are saving our share of the
world's markets.

"Not only is our business good, but
our money is good. There is no longer
fear of debased currency, it has been
happily dispelled. The highest and
best standard recognized by the lead-
ing countries has been main-
tained, and it has been done without
a resort to loans. The cause of sound
money has advanced in the last two
years. Honest finance has made posi-
tive gains. I do not think we quite
appreciate yet the full measure of its
success.

"Both branches of Congress on the
16th of March next will have an un-
questioned majority opposed to any
debasement of our currency, and
committed to uphold the world's
standard.

"Certainly for two years every
branch of the national government
will be united for good currency and
the inviolability of our national
obligations and credit. The invest-
ments and other enterprises of the
people can therefore not be unsettled
by sudden changes.

"We have been engaged in war.
Two hundred and seventy thousand of

our citizens have been in the field.
Our sailors have been afloat in two
hemispheres. And yet the business of
the country has been steadily growing,
our resources multiplying, the energy
of our people quickened, and at the
end of our glorious land and naval
triumphs we find our country in a
condition of almost unparalleled ac-
tivity and prosperity.

"Our domestic situation is fortu-
nate, indeed, considering the new
questions which we must meet and
solve. That they will be settled on
the lines of right and duty I can not
doubt, and that the business men of
Boston and of the whole country will
be an active and helpful force in their
rightful solution I confidently be-
lieve."

HOME AGAIN.

WASHINGTON, February 18.—The
president and party returned to Wash-
ington this morning from Boston.

NOT SO BAD

Orange Crop in Florida Not Killed—
Later Particulars.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., February
17.—Reports to the Times-Union from
all sections of the orange belt repre-
sent that the cold wave did not do
much permanent damage. Trees were
uninjured except those of tender
spring growth. In the lower belt it
is predicted that the orange crop will
be larger than ever.

SHIPS ON THE WAY

Almost Daily Connection
with Philippine Islands.

A Fleet of Four Vessels to Start from
San Francisco Next Week—Oth-
ers Headed for Manila by
Suez Canal Route.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 18.—
A fleet of four vessels will leave San
Francisco for Manila within two
weeks. No less than 5500 tons of
freight of all descriptions will be
taken. The Connemaugh will carry
exclusively 300 mules and 2500 tons of
freight, consisting entirely of forage.
She will be fitted up immediately with
every facility for transporting the
mules in safety. She will be ready to
sail in about a week or ten days.

The Valencia has been rechartered
and will carry 1700 tons of freight and
125 first class passengers. She will be
ready to sail in about 10 or 12 days.

The Portland has also been secured.
She will carry 1300 tons of freight and
100 first class passengers. The Roanoke,
which is also to be chartered, will
carry about 2500 tons of freight. Both
the Portland and Roanoke will be
ready to go in about a week.

About 200 casuals, chiefly recruits
for the regiments of regular troops in
the Philippines, now at the Presidio,
will go to Manila on these transports.

Spanish Cabinet.

MADRID, February 18.—It has
been decided at a cabinet council to
liberate the Filipinos who had been
deported to the Caroline and Ladrone
Islands, in order to influence the Fili-
pinos to release the Spaniards they
hold prisoners.

It has also been decided to postpone
the sale of the floating dock at Ha-
vana, the offers received not being ac-
ceptable.

GOMEZ.

HAVANA, February 18.—General
Gomez is ill, and on that account has
been detained on his journey from
Cienfuegos to Havana. Telegrams say
that his illness is slight, and due to
the fatigues incident on public recep-
tions. He will go from Cienfuegos to
Cardenas.

BANK STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, February 18.—The
weekly bank statement shows the re-
serve decreased \$1,133,000, loans in-
creased \$3,567,700, specie increased
\$363,000, legal decreased \$3,493,700,
deposits increased \$9,113,300. This
statement is for five days.

The banks hold \$54,474,000 in excess
of legal requirements.

A VICTIM OF MORPHINE

Suicide of Peter Johnson, Heir to a
Valuable Estate in Indiana.

He Was a Crank on Gambling in a Small Way--Had
Repeatedly Threatened to Kill Himself--Left a
Note About Debts and a Young Lady.

Peter Johnson, the 18 year old son
of Mrs. Elmyra Hunt, living at 215
South Main street, committed suicide
this morning by taking an overdose
of morphine. The boy was a victim
of the gambling habit and he had sev-
eral times threatened to take his own
life. He was heir to an estate valued
at nearly \$2000, which, had he lived,
would have come into his hands when
he was 21 years old.

Came from Indiana.

Johnson has been living with his
uncle and guardian, John W. John-
son, at Edinburg, Ind. Several months
ago the boy was sent to Decatur to
live with his mother. It is stated
that the uncle found the boy unruly
and was unable to do anything with
him.

Wanted Money.

The boy gambled with all the money
he got hold of. Yesterday he secured
30 cents from his mother and later in
the day he begged for more. She re-
fused to give it to him and he wrapped
up some of his shirts, collars and
other clothing and said he was going
to pawn them in order to get more
money.

Last night the boy did not return
home and the mother became worried.
She went out, and meeting a gentle-
man whom she knew, asked him to
hunt for the boy. A search was made
in the gambling rooms and finally the
boy was found asleep in a room in the
Masonic building. The occupant of
the room was out and Johnson had
probably wandered in there and laid
down. Dr. A. F. Wilhelmy was
called and found that Johnson had
been drinking. The physician thought
possibly the boy had taken morphine,
but this Johnson stoutly denied and
his alertness and the ease with which
he was awakened would indicate that
he had not taken the drug.

Raised a Disturbance.

A carriage was called and Johnson
was taken to his home. Mrs. Hunt
and Dr. Wilhelmy followed on foot
and when they arrived at the house
Johnson was in the kitchen and was
singing and seemed perfectly wide
awake. An effort was made to induce
him to sleep but he fought against
having his clothes taken off and swore
at his mother and the doctor. Finally
he fell asleep and Dr. Wilhelmy says
that when he left the house shortly
before 2 o'clock this morning Johnson
was not in any danger. The boy slept
quietly until 5 o'clock this morning,
until which time Mrs. Hunt sat up
and watched him. She then laid
down on the bed and slept until 8
o'clock this morning, when she awoke
and found her son dead.

Left a Note.

Johnson had in his pocket several
slips of paper on which were written
notes. One to his mother read sub-
stantially as follows:

"Trouble drove me to do this. You
people can go to h— Give Goody \$5
and you and Susie keep the rest. I
want to be buried beside my father in
Indiana. Tell Pete to tell my girl
about this."

The person referred to in the note
as Susie is a sister of the dead boy.
Men who knew Johnson say that his
head had been turned by gambling and
that he would do anything to get
money to throw away at gaming. He
had an idea that he was mistreated
because his relatives in their efforts
to save the boy's money would not
give him all he wanted.

Box of Morphine.

In one pocket of Johnson's clothing
was found a box which was labelled
"Morphine, poison." The box did not
bear the label of any druggist and it is
not known where it was procured.

Coroner Bendare was notified of the
death and together with Deputy Boy
Bendare called at the house and took

charge of the remains. The inquest
will probably be held this evening.
The funeral arrangements have not yet
been made.

Would Not Talk.

Mrs. Hunt, the mother, was seen by
a reporter this morning. She would
not talk much about the case. She
said, "We did all we could for the boy
when he was alive and now he is dead
and I won't say anything about it." She
stated that her son had been living
in Decatur with her for several
months past and that he was heir to
an estate the value of which she did
not know. She said she did not know
what caused her son to take his life
and refused to talk any further on the
subject.

The estate to which the boy was
heir is valued at nearly \$2000. It was
left to him by his father at the latter's
death and the uncle at Edinburg was
the guardian. Friends state that Mrs.
Hunt intended to send the boy back to
his guardian as she could not manage
him.

ICE IN THE RIVER

At New Orleans—Seen Only Once Be-
fore in History.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., February 18.—
Since daylight yesterday an un-
interrupted stream of ice has been
floating toward the gulf down the
broad bosom of the Mississippi river.
It began to appear by 3 a. m. and be-
fore the sun was well up the banks of
the river were lined with interested
spectators. As the day advanced the
ice grew thicker and about noon
ferries were seriously interfered with.

In one of the histories of New
Orleans there is a record of floating
ice, but the story has always been
smeared at. "I have lived here 50
years," said one old resident of the
city, "to see ice passing down the
river. I never expect to see it again."

The ice should be in the gulf itself
by Tuesday morning. There is no
chance for it to melt before it gets
there. There is too much of it. When
it does, sea captains will hold up
both hands in astonishment. There
were some cakes 20 feet square and
from 2 inches to 3 feet thick. Some
of the cakes stood far out of the
water. Already river men are begin-
ning to shake their heads and to
predict an unprecedented flood for this
spring.

TRAGEDY TO-DAY

In the State of Kentucky—Two Bro-
thers Killed by an Officer.

ENTERPRISE, KY., February 18.—
Harry Sloan was killed and Callon
Sloan, his brother, was mortally
wounded by Deputy Sheriff Tom Rice
today. Rice attempted to arrest the
Sloans at the house of their brother,
John Sloan, on a charge of larceny.
Harry attacked Rice with a knife. He
was shot and instantly killed. Callon
received a ball through the chest.
John has threatened to take revenge
before night.

ALL SPECULATION

Comments on the Course Gen. Miles
Will Pursue at the Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, February 18.—
Friends of General Miles say he will
not allow himself to be put in the
attitude of a prosecutor of the charges
about beef which he has made. They
explain that he will turn over to the
court of inquiry all of the information
which has come into his possession
and will then consider his duty per-
formed. He does not consider it in-
cumbent upon him to make any case.
The probability is that he will not be

represented by counsel and that he
will not undertake to cross-examine
witnesses. If the court shall find that
there is no foundation for the charges,
General Miles, his friends say, will
accept the conclusions and will con-
sider the matter closed. Predictions
are frequently put forth by the gen-
eral's friends that he will so conduct
himself during the coming investiga-
tion as to leave no grounds for a court-
martial against him. A general denial
of the authenticity of numerous inter-
views attributed to him is fore-
shadowed as part of General Miles'
testimony.

BILLY LORIMER SICK.

CHICAGO, February 18.—While
the condition of Congressman William
Lorimer of the 2d Illinois district re-
mains dangerous, he passed a very com-
fortable night and today he is some-
what improved. Mr. Lorimer is
suffering from an abscess in the head.

ARMY OFFICER SHORT \$5000

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., February
18.—Capt. John M. Neall, U. S. A.,
left Presidio Camp Wednesday with-
out leave and has not been seen since.
Inspection of his safe, it is alleged
revealed a shortage of \$5000 in his ac-
counts. Friends fear he may be dead.

DAMAGING FIRE.

WICHITA, KANSAS, February 18.—
At midnight fire wiped out the busi-
ness portion of Hannawell. Ten
buildings were burned.

SUPREME COURT

Decisions of General Inter-
est to Illinois Citizens.

Chicago Must Meet the Expense of
the 1894 Railroad Riots—Netting
for Fruit Baskets All Right
—Vaccination Points.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., February 18.—
In the supreme court Friday in the
case of the city of Chicago vs. Man-
hattan Cement company, the judg-
ment of the lower court was affirmed.
The question involved was the consti-
tutionality of the law which provides
that cities and counties are liable for
three-fourths of the value of property
destroyed in riots. The cement com-
pany had cement to the value of \$150
in a car on a siding in Chicago during
the railroad riots in July, 1894, which
was destroyed by the burning of the
car. They recovered three-fourths of
its value from the city of Chicago.

from which judgment the city ap-
pealed. This decision establishes the
constitutionality of the law.
The decision in the case of David
Frost vs. the city of Chicago destroys
the validity of the ordinance which
provides that fruit in baskets or boxes
shall not be covered with colored netting
or any other colored material
which will tend to conceal its true
color and quality. Frost was found
guilty of a violation of this ordinance
and subjected to a fine of \$15 and
costs. The supreme court reverses the
trial court and says the ordinance is
unreasonable and unjust.

In the case of the People vs. the
Board of Education of Geneseo, the
court reaffirms a former decision that
boards of education or the state board
of health can not compel vaccination
except where absolutely necessary to
protect health. A new point in this
case makes this rule applicable to city
councils.

FIRST WITNESS

Will be Gen. Miles—Investigation to
Begin on Monday.

WASHINGTON, February 18.—The
court of inquiry into the General
Miles beef charges held an executive
session today for the purpose of se-
lecting the names of witnesses to be
summoned. The taking of testimony
will begin Monday, when General
Miles will be examined.

STEAMER IN PORT.

LONDON, February 18.—The Can-
nard steamer Pavonia, which sailed
from Queenstown for Boston January
26 and was sighted February 5 in a
disabled condition, has arrived in tow
at Azores.

THE JUNGLE FIGHTERS

Stubborn Filipino Rebels Con-
centrating for a Battle.

HEAT OF THE SUN

Becoming More Oppressive
for American Soldiers.

Will be Warmer Every Day Until the
Rainy Season—Wounded in the
Skirmish on Friday—American
Army Strongly Entrenched
for the Engagements
to Follow.

WASHINGTON, February 18.—Gen-
eral Otis has cabled from Manila that
in the skirmish yesterday on the Tori-
qona road eight members of the Ne-
braska regiment were wounded. Pri-
vate George Andrews has since died.
Among the wounded are Capt. A. H.
Hollingsworth and Lieut. E. D.
Whedon, both seriously.

THE SITUATION TO-DAY.

MANILA, February 18.—The heat
is very oppressive. The troops, espe-
cially those compelled to work in the
open, have been affected. It will prob-
ably be warmer from now on until the
rainy season.

The rebels have been concentrating
south of the Pang river in front of
General Owenshine's lines on the right
all day long. The country in the
vicinity is a particularly thick jungle
extending for miles. Scouts report
that the rebels are apparently coming
from the Laguna and Cavite provinces.
The Americans are strongly en-
trenched from the beach to the Pang
river.

THE GRANT AT PERIM.

PERIM, February 18.—The trans-
port Grant, bearing General Lawton
and staff, the 4th infantry and a bat-
talion of the 17th infantry, is sailing
here, on her way to Manila.

THE CELTIC ON THE WAY.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Feb. 18.—
The refrigerator steamer Celtic has
sailed for Manila with supplies for
the troops.

WILL TALK IT OVER.

CHICAGO, February 18.—General
Rios and Rivera, members of Aguin-
aldo's commission, who came to this
country to plead the cause of Philip-
pine independence at Washington
passed through Chicago today for
Montreal to meet Agoncillo.

APPALLING ACCIDENT

Thirty People Killed and
Fifty Injured in a
Collision.

BRUSSELS, February 18.—The ex-
press train from Orlain today, carry-
ing passengers from London, collided
with a train at a standstill, at Forest,
near Brussels.

Thirty passengers were killed and 50
injured.
It is said that owing to the fog the
engineer did not see the signals. The
collision was appalling. The express
locomotive mounted on top of the
carriages of the other train, which
were filled with passengers. These
cars were smashed to pieces.

THE WEATHER.

CHICAGO, February 18.—Illinois
Fair tonight and Sunday; westerly
winds.

The curious custom of tying boards
prevails in certain districts in Japan.

THE DECATUR COAL MINES

Five Thousand Dollars Paid to
the Men Today.

Notice by Manager Arm-
strong to Miners on
Union Proposition--
Avoid Trouble.

The employees of the Decatur Coal Co. were all given notice today as to the position of Manager W. C. Armstrong in regard to the men being organized into a union. When each man was given his pay today he was also given in the same envelope a card on which was the following notice:

"To Miners Employed by the Decatur Coal Company:

"On Thursday afternoon Mr. Doney and Vice President Russell of the United Mine Workers waited on me and asked my consent to organize you into the union. I told them: 'No; you can NOT do it with my consent. The miners here are satisfied with their pay and their treatment, and if you organize the DECATUR men you will order them out on a strike, as you did our Niantic miners.' Believing that it is for the best interests of all concerned, miners as well as operators of this company, to let well enough alone and thereby avoid trouble, I am yours truly,

"W. C. ARMSTRONG,
"Manager for the Decatur Coal Co.
"February 18, 1899."

The notice was printed in English on one side of the card and German on the other so that all could read it.

MEETING TOMORROW.

Mr. Doney and Vice President Russell of the United Mine Workers, who have been in the city for several days past, will hold a meeting at the Trades Assembly hall, 141 East Main street, tomorrow and will make an effort to organize the miners, or as many as will attend the meeting.

IT MEANS TROUBLE.

In the light of past experience in labor difficulties in this city, it does not appear that the Decatur miners will have anything to do with the visiting delegates, here for the avowed purpose of forming a union organization whether or no, which of course can only mean sooner or later friction and discord and finally a union order to "walk out." The Decatur mines are local mines, supplying the home trade largely, and have no important connection with the wholesale mines in other parts of the state. And the 400 miners employed in the mines are Decatur men who have families and many are paying for their homes from their earnings. Today the men were paid five thousand dollars in wages for the week's work and that amount of money has been paid out every week by the coal company. The earnings of the men amount to \$20,000 a month and nearly all of the cash remains in Decatur to go into circulation. The men have no grievance. Everything has run along smoothly since the strike of '94, and there has been no hint or expectation of a disruption of the harmonious relations existing between the company officials and the men—none whatever, until the "organizers" came around to form a union, which to the company and many of the miners is another name for discord, trouble and idleness at the beck of the boss delegate, and loss of time and money.

The Decatur coal mines are among the important industries of the city and everybody is interested in their prosperity. Anything that would close the mines and thus shut off the coal supply and throw the present large body of contented men out of work, would be a calamity to Decatur and to the men. It is believed that the efforts of the "organizers" now in Decatur, and who will be heard at the

Sunday afternoon meeting, will prove fruitless.

The Decatur miners have not forgotten the trouble and idleness growing out of the former attempts to close the local mines and they no doubt will and should continue their present pleasant relations with the company.

THE G. A. R. MUST ELECT

A National Commander in Place
of Col. Sexton.

Decision is That There is
No Promotion in the
Organization Thro'
Death.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Feb. 18.—Eli Torrance, Judge Advocate General of the National G. A. R., today made public a decision in the matter of the disputed succession to the National Commandership made vacant by the death of Col. Sexton. The decision is that his successor must be elected, and that there is no promotion in the G. A. R. through death.

Captain Torrance holds that the executive committee of the national council of administration has full power to elect a commander. It is unnecessary to call a meeting of the national council.

IN CONGRESS

Little Business of Importance Transacted—No Results.

WASHINGTON, February 18.—The House resumed the consideration of the naval appropriation bill.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the appropriation bill. Senator Callom of Illinois offered an amendment increasing the appropriations for pneumatic tubes in the mail service to \$500,000.

Senator Allison of Iowa made the point of order that it was new legislation. The point was discussed at length. Finally the amendment was tabled, 29 to 24.

AT EDWARD STREET CHURCH

Mortgage Will be Burned and Location of New Church Discussed.

The services at the Edward Street Christian church will be of special interest tomorrow. In the morning the mortgage on the Leeland avenue chapel will be burned with appropriate ceremonies and the location for the new church, which will be commenced this year will be decided upon. The reports of the trustees will be heard, after which the congregation will discuss the matter of location. Rev. Marion Stevenson, the pastor, will make a short talk and there will be an appropriate musical selection. In the evening the pastor will talk on "The Gospel to the Ephesians."

Died in Chicago.

Harvey Evans, proprietor of a restaurant on State street in Chicago, died of apoplexy at his home in that city last night. He leaves three sisters in this city, Mrs. O. C. Stafford, Mrs. O. J. Zimmerman and Mrs. Ed. Johnson.

The body will be brought to this city tonight and will be taken to the Stafford residence at 1022 West Main street.

No Word from Harrison.

Nothing has yet been heard from Rev. Thomas Harrison and Rev. Frost Craft is unable to say anything definite regarding the revival services at the First M. E. church. Mr. Craft hopes to hear from the revivalist this evening so that he may be able to make his announcements on Sunday morning.

Charles Imboden Host.

Twenty-two guests were delightfully entertained by Charles Imboden of the Millikin bank, at his home last evening at a 6:30 o'clock dinner given in honor of his 31st birthday anniversary. Will Conradt took flash light photographs of the company.

Song Recital.

The Musical Culture club has secured Miss French, the soprano of Chicago, for a song recital on the evening of February 26. It will be held at the assembly room of the Woman's club house.

—Mrs. Vandy, who has been the guest of Mrs. D. M. Barnett for the past two weeks, left today for a visit with her mother at Taylorville, before returning to her home at Quincy.

COURT MATTERS

Damage Suit on Trial in
Circuit Court.

WILL LAST UNTIL NEXT WEEK

Will Hearing in the County Court
Continued—Appraisers Ap-
pointed—Guardian
Named.

The damage suit of the Hamilton boy is still on trial and will not be finished until some time next week. Today the case for one defendant, the Citizens' Mutual Telephone company, was finished and Attorney I. R. Mills began for the City Electric Railway Co., which will be followed by the defense for the city. This forenoon Attorney Mills read the testimony of the three expert witnesses from Peoria and Springfield, who were on the stand in the Lee case, the lawyers on both sides agreeing that the testimony in the other trial should be admitted without going to the trouble and expense of again bringing the witnesses to the city.

The entries on the docket today were as follows:

CHANCERY.

Anna Moore vs. Edward J. Moore; separate maintenance. Rule on defendant to show cause why attachment should not be issued by next Monday.

Nicholas Lowmash vs. Delilah S. Lowmash; divorce. Appearance of defendant entered and rule to answer by next Monday.

COUNTY COURT.

This was the day set for the hearing on the will of the late Mrs. Anesene but the matter was continued until March 18.

B. O. McReynolds, John T. Miller and Harry L. Oldham were today in the county court appointed appraisers of the estate of the late Dr. William M. Catto.

Yesterday evening in the county court Lydia Lincoln was appointed guardian of Charles E. Lincoln, minor.

KOUNTY FAIR

Arrangements Being Made
by Goodman's Band.

ALL THE FLOOR SPACE SOLD

And Many Business Firms Will Have
Exhibits—Specialists Who
Will Take Part in the
Vaudeville Show.

The preparations are about completed for the Kounty Fair which is to be given by Goodman's band at the corn carnival building February 27 to March 4. There will be a parade Monday forenoon and the fair will be open each afternoon and evening. There will be a band concert at night on the lower floor and on the second floor there will be a continuous vaudeville entertainment.

Among those who will take part in the vaudeville are Miss Louise Danty, Eddie Draper, the slack wire walker and juggler, William Benjamin, the magician, Master Fred Schlatter, the fancy bicycle rider. The Hungry Hollow band from Danville and the Reuben band of Decatur will be present. There will also be several side shows.

All the floor space has been rented and the following are the Decatur firms who will be exhibitors:

Prescott Music House.
I. C. and P. D. and E. Railroad.
B. Seine Clothing Co.
Linn & Soraggs Dry Goods and Carpet Co.
W. H. Grindol & Sons.
Decatur Gun Co.
Akers & Wilson.
Brodes & Co.
Heilman Grocery Co.
Dr. Childs.
Decatur Brewing Co.
F. H. Cole Shoe Co.
C. L. Griswold & Co.
Leon & Morris.
Gus Abrams Bottling Works.
Lutz Music Co.
Ottenheimer & Co.
J. E. Saxton.
Wayne Sulkyette Co.'s Pony Phonos.

The Woman's Relief Corps will serve dinner and supper and conduct a lunch counter. Mrs. Langdale will sell artificial flowers and R. C. Muzey will have a peanut and popcorn stand.

Tax Notice.

Please call at office and pay your taxes. Your personal tax must be paid this month. I. C. Nicholson, Collector.

First door to the left of entrance of court house. —14-5t

—Rev. and Mrs. J. Littenberger of Decatur were guests of Decatur friends yesterday. Rev. Littenberger delivered a lecture before the tribe of Ben Hur at Belmont on Thursday evening and will fill his usual appointment at Antioch tomorrow.

Grand Display of NEW WASH FABRICS... For 1899.

We now have on sale our COMPLETE LINE of choice Summer Fabrics selected during the past four months from the leading importers in this country.

Our Silk and Dress Goods Department is now offering choice selections for early buyers.

Silk Mousseline de Soie,
Standard Madras Cloths,
Fancy Zephyr Gingham,
Loop Taffeta Zephyr Gingham,
Corded Chambrys,

White and Colored Piques,
Silk Mousseline Satin Rage,
Satin Stripe Gingham,
Fine Egyptian Lawns,
Silk Embroidered Piques in
Striped and Polka Effects.

ART NEEDLEWORK.

Special Display, Free Instruction.

MISS MOON will make a Special Display of
FINE ART NEEDLEWORK
and give Free Instruction, on
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AFTERNOONS.

Bradley Bros
DRY GOODS & MILLINERY
Decatur Ill.

NOT YET MARRIED.

Couple from Ramsey were Expected
in Decatur—Liked Decatur Police.

John R. Cavanaugh, who was arrested in Decatur on a charge of betraying Letta E. May, was expected in the city today together with the young lady. Cavanaugh was released on the promise that he would marry the girl in Decatur today and it was expected that they would be here for that purpose. Up to a late hour this afternoon no license had been taken out.

HAVE GOOD POLICE.

Editor Bolt of the Ramsey News-Journal, in whose charge Cavanaugh was taken from Decatur, in a writeup of the arrest, referred in complimentary terms to the Decatur police force. He states in his paper:

"We desire to remember the kindness and consideration shown us at Decatur by Chief Mason and his corps of assistants, everyone of whom treated us with the utmost courtesy, and with such a corps of careful officers it is no wonder that Decatur is a model city, which it is, and which it is known all over the state to be."

The Grip Cure That Does Cure.
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets removes the cause that produces La Grippe. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each Tablet.

PERSONAL.

—The Misses Wheeler of Niantic were in the city.

—Mrs. Robert Durham of Oakley was a visitor in the city today.

—Dr. Betzer, of Orono, is in the city today.

—George Fife of Indianapolis is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. Daniel S. Ryan.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walmsley have returned from an eight months' visit in the east. Mr. Walmsley is the representative of the Farley's Manufacturing company.

—Dr. W. H. Sparling, of Moweaqua, and Dr. Rockey, of Assumption, were in the city to leave orders with the Neisler Drug and Supply Co.

—J. F. Ewell, of Cairo, representing the N. C. & St. L. railway company, transacted business in the city today.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Perkins, who have been the guests of Decatur friends returned today to their home in Weldon.

—The little son of Mrs. Elizabeth E. Bunn, who has been ill of scarlet fever, is better. Mrs. Bunn's daughter has also caught the disease, but neither of the children are seriously ill.

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Bunn will sing at the Sunday morning service at the First Methodist church and in the evening at the First Presbyterian church.

The large guns of modern navies are worn out after they have been used about 35 times.

...SPECIAL...

Our Mr. J. W. Race is
now in New York and will
purchase the largest stock
of Clothing, Hats and Gent's
Furnishings ever brought to
Decatur.

All heavy weight goods
will be sold at greatly re-
duced prices to make room
for Spring Goods soon to
arrive.

**Race Clothing
Mfg Company,**

129-135 North Water Street.

PLACE FOR BENEDICT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The secretary of the interior has appointed John D. Benedict, of Danville, Ill., to be superintendent of schools in the Indian Territory, at \$2,500 per annum, under the Curtis law.

SORE LUNGS

Sore lungs, pain in the chest and painful breathing, the fore-runners of pneumonia, are quickly relieved and cured by the old reliable Dr. John W. Bull's Cough Syrup. It breaks up a cold in one night. Try it at once.

**Dr. Bull's
COUGH SYRUP**

Will quickly heal Sore Lungs.

There are small and pleasant to take. Do not recommend it. Trial at 10c. At all drug stores.

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New Percalcs.

We have just received this season's pattern of Dresden Percalcs in light and dark in this shipment, good for dark dresses, in red, blue, at yard, 5c.

New Ducks, y

Dark style Ducks, in dots, cavies and baily good for yard, 10c.

New Piques, y

The first shipment arrived and this comes in light stripes, figures and

Jeweled Side

Handsome jewelry pair, 25c.

Men's Work G

This glove is not a that will last only is made with a ge the patent thumb seams and fine p glove for general made. It is worth

Men's Felt Bo

We have a few come and overs that we out during this co the price now, pair

Men's Arctics.

Men's good quality gummy kind are service, now mark Boys' arctics, 50c; M

Boys' Felt Bo

Our stock of boys' \$2.00 a pair, to clo

Caps and Suncor

Iron stone chisel cap white, most every where, 25c.

New Gingham

New and delicate at home, in stockings, famous handkerchiefs

After- Effects of the GRIP

Fellows, etc.

Sold by W.



Every Dealer In Decatur

Doesn't think it worth while to keep such a complete line of dishes and bric-a-brac. This is where he makes a mistake. Housewives are wonderfully educated in these days and the ordinary gold-rimmed crockery that the grandmother thought the acme of style is passed by with contempt for the dainty, colored patterns of today. Nothing but the best is good enough for our customers, and we are willing and happy to say there is no place where pretty dishes can be bought so reasonable as here.

FRANK CURTIS,

Successor to OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.,

Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

150 EAST MAIN STREET, : : DECATUR, ILL.

Better Hurry Up.

Such opportunities not always to be had and don't last long. Get the following while they last.

- Hanan & Son's Double Sole Enamel Bals, Regular \$5.00 grade reduced to \$4.00.
- Hanan & Son's Double Sole Winter Tan Bals, regular \$5.00 grade, now \$4.00.
- Hanan & Son's Ladies' Hand Welt and Hand Turned Black Vici Kid Lace Shoes, were \$5.00, now \$4.00.

There is nothing in the world equals a HANAN SHOE. Better come while they last.

F. H. COLE SHOE CO.,
148 EAST MAIN STREET.

OF COURSE

Younkneads biscuit,

BUT how on earth will you digest that biscuit?

YOUNEEDA little bit of physical exercise,

UNEEDA Whitley Exerciser.

UNEEDA Set of Boxing Gloves.

UNEEDA Punching Bag.

UNEEDA little out-door recreation, and in order to get it with the greatest amount of pleasure

UNEEDA Cleveland or Crescent Bicycle.

UNEEDA Shot Gun or Target Rifle.

We need your money, and are willing to give you bargains to get it.

DECATUR GUN CO.

"JICKY"

The Celebrated French
Perfume.....

75c Ounce.

WEST'S
DRUG
STORE...

LOCAL NEWS.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Pictures and Frames at 'Melchers' Art Store south of the Postoffice.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dst

Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.—1-dst

Ed W. Hill & Co.'s Combination Sale, March 6.

Always use Beach's Hand Soap in washing dishes, as it will keep the hands soft and smooth.

To beautify your homes see our line of tapestry, burlaps and heavy pressed papers. W. C. Plack & Son, 108 East North street.—6-dimo

Miss Moon will make a display of the art needlework and give free instructions at Bradley Bros. Friday and Saturday afternoons.—17-2t

Camp No. 329, M. W. A., of Niagara, will give a four act drama at the town hall at that place on the evening of February 23.

Bert Boggess, a law student in the office of Attorney J. M. Gray, has been obliged to discontinue his studies for a time on account of weakness of his eyes.

Hundreds of lives saved every year by having Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the house just when it is needed. Cures croup, heals burns, cuts, wounds of every sort. Sold by all druggists.

Ed W. Hill & Co.'s Combination Sale, March 6.

Fine candies at Glassner's, 148 East Prairie.

The Henning Brewing Co. is erecting a new storage house on East North street.

Twenty-five cents worth of Beach's Northwest Soap will do more washing than 25 cents worth of any other soap.

The P. D. and E. will run a special train from Mattoon Saturday, February 2, on account of the DeWolf Hopper performance at the opera house. The train will arrive at Decatur at about 7 or 7:30 p. m., and leave returning at 11 p. m.

Energy all gone? Headache? Stomach out of order? Simply a case of torpid liver. Burdock Blood Bitters will make a new man or woman of you. Sold by all druggists.

Hon. J. M. Gray came home last evening to spend Sunday. Mr. Gray was one of the speakers at the exercises which were held at the chapel at the Champaign university on Friday on the occasion of the visit of nine of the legislators to that place. He also played an active part in the scrimmage in the House on Thursday.

As Beach's Puritine Soap Powder is real soap much less is required than of other brands.

Why send your money out of town when we take your subscriptions at publishers' prices.

L. CHODAR'S News House.

Tax Notice. Please call at office and pay your taxes. Your personal tax must be paid this month. I. C. Nicholson, Collector.

First door to the left of entrance of court house. 14-5t

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. M. King and G. F. Shilling.

Born. To Mr. and Mrs. Matt Liston of East Wood street on Friday, February 17, a son.

HEAR MARTIN TONIGHT

At the Tabernacle.
One of the Greatest Living Evangelists.



DR. S. M. MARTIN,
The "California Cyclone."
A man of wonderful platform power. A scholar, thinker, orator, gentleman, Christian! No shoddy about his work.

THEME TO-NIGHT:

"WHINERS."

Music in charge of Prof. Lee B. Millikan. Meeting for Men Only tomorrow at 8 p. m. 4:00 tickets already distributed.

Services begin at 7:30 O'CLOCK SHARP, TONIGHT. EVERYBODY WELCOME! COME ON TIME! Bring an offering.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Deweys Give the Whole Things Team a Trouncing.

There is something in a name after all. It was demonstrated at the Pastime alleys last night, when at the close of a three game contest at ten pins the heretofore victorious but now "has been" Whole Things team was defeated good and proper by the Dewey club, a new combination which is likely to vanquish all bowling teams that go up against them. The postoffice boys are thoroughbreds and take their defeat good naturedly. They are eager for the next trial of skill. The story of the game is told in figures as follows:

Whole Things—	1	2	3	Total
Welch	150	130	124	404
Beck	177	150	108	435
Seivers	130	144	135	409
Masterson	165	131	124	420
Hubbard	158	114	130	402

Totals..... 789 669 629 2070

Deweys—

Kelly..... 153 147 129 429

Dillehunt..... 164 119 139 422

Morrison..... 112 150 132 414

Hurley..... 145 149 110 404

Diller..... 135 166 146 447

Totals..... 721 731 676 2128

Whole Things. Deweys.

Strikes..... 28 37

Spare..... 51 50

Breaks..... 25 21

Errors..... 37 36

PRACTICE GAME.

The Wabash bowling team played a practice game on the Pastime alley. The following scores were made:

Humble..... 122 146 93 145 109

Stimel..... 143 126 167 133 113

Kramer..... 151 148 178 175 167

Cotter..... 119 113 96 131 122

PERSONAL.

—Dr. W. C. Bowers made a professional call at Boody this morning.

—Miss Lillian Corman has recovered from an illness of six weeks' duration and is again able to be out.

—The sons of Dr. William Barnes and Adolph Mueller are slightly improved in condition today.

—Dr. J. W. Sanders made a visit to Elwin this morning to hold consultation with Dr. Leslie of that place in a case of throat and lung trouble.

—Mrs. H. S. Duncomb and children, Mary and Herbert, of Oak Park, Chicago, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Osgood of West Macon street. They will remain two weeks.

—Mrs. E. B. Osgood, who has resided with her son, J. W. Osgood of West Macon street, for the past year, has one to Wynne, Ark., for a visit with another son.

—E. A. Gantman will leave on Monday morning to attend the annual meeting of the National Superintendent's association at Columbus, Ohio.

—Mrs. Will Condell of St. Louis was in the city last night and today on her way home from Chicago. While here she was a guest of Mrs. W. J. Condell at 1138 North Edward street.

Sunday Evening Sermons.

Rev. W. H. Penhallegon will deliver the first of a series of sermons tomorrow evening on "One of the Mighty Men of the Long Ago." They will be delivered as follows:

February 19.—"The Man, or As We See Him."

February 20.—"His Call, or As God Sees Him."

March 5.—"His Adventure, or As He Sees Himself."

March 12.—"His Domestic Life, or As His Family Sees Him."

March 19.—"His End, or As We All See Him."

Appropriate music will be rendered at each service. Mrs. F. E. Bunn will sing tomorrow evening.

Another Son Dead.

Miss Ruth Soleg received a telephone message this morning saying that the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hobbs of Urbana died yesterday. The funeral will be held at Harrison this evening at 6 o'clock. This is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs to die of croup in the past week.

Superintendent Bramble.

W. H. Bramble of this city has been appointed general superintendent of the ground and buildings of the state asylum for the incurable insane at Bartonville, near Peoria. New buildings for the institution are now in the course of construction. A more competent man could not have been selected for the position.

Today has been one of the busiest days the merchants have had since Christmas. The pleasant weather has made it possible for the farmers and citizens of the small towns in the vicinity to get in. The condition of the country roads is sloppy, but the thaw has not been deep enough to seriously interfere with travel.

Mrs. F. E. Bunn to Sing.

All lovers of good vocal music will be pleased to know that Mrs. Bunn has accepted an invitation to sing at the Presbyterian church tomorrow evening.

Two Masses Sunday.

At St. Patrick's Catholic church tomorrow on account of the absence of Rev. Father Kelly, there will be but two masses.

Banks to Close.

The Decatur banks will be closed on Wednesday, February 22, Washington's birthday.

B. H. PARK'S CARD

He Sends a Letter From
Storm Lake, Iowa.

Declares That He Had Sufficient Reasons for Leaving His Wife and That None of His Creditors Will Lose a Penny.

The following communication, which explains itself, was left at the Republican office today:

"Storm Lake, Iowa, Feb. 15, 1899.

"Eda Republican, Decatur, Ill.

"Gentlemen: Please publish to the public of Decatur I want it understood that I have sufficient reasons for leaving my family and also that there is no woman connected with my disappearance in no way, shape or form, and to further state that I will not be responsible for any bills or debts made by my wife or her people, and farther about the bedding, one of the beds and bedsteads was only a borrowed one from my father and the other was a bed given me by my mother before she died and I wanted that. Everything else that was in the house was left for her, and further as to my creditors I will guarantee that none of them shall lose a cent. Yours,

B. H. PARK.

OBITUARY.

Annasias Parker was born in Campbell county, Ky., in March, 1820, and at the age of 20 left his native state and came to Illinois, settling in what is now known as Clear Lake township, about eight miles east of Springfield. With the exception of three years in Wisconsin, he had been a resident of this state. February 1, 1854, he was married to Emily Green at Springfield. In 1836 he united with the Mechanicburg Christian church and remained a consistent member of the brotherhood until death. In 1832 he removed to Hammond, in Bluff county, but after a few years residence took charge of the Blue Mound hotel and conducted the business until his death, February 3, 1898. For many years Mr. Parker had been an invalid and his life was one of almost constant pain, but he was patient and contented, with a firm belief in the reward of a well ordered life.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Mary Douglas, George H. and Samuel D., who died in infancy, Charles E., who was killed last summer by lightning at his home near Hammond, John H. and Benjamin.

The funeral services were held at the Christian church in Blue Mound, conducted by Mrs. Crank and were very largely attended. "A good man has entered into rest and the memory of his well spent life will prove a fitting monument."

Interior Changes.

David Folzath, the shoe dealer, has made quite a change in the interior of the store room occupied by him on East Main street. The business office has been elevated, a balcony having been built for that purpose. The removal of the office gave room for the rearranging of the repair department which now occupies the space formerly occupied by the office. A new row of shelves have been placed at the rear end of the room and two new rolling ladders have been added.

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leonard of 127 East William street on Saturday, February 18, a daughter.

Will Give a Dance.

The members of the Wheelman's club are making preparations for a dance to be given at the Guards' armory next Tuesday evening.

8. S. Normal Institute.

A. H. Mills, P. P. Laughlin and daughter, Miss Lulu, Miss Elizabeth Whitehurst and other Sunday school workers of the city will go to Harrison on Wednesday, February 23, to attend the Normal institute which will be held at that place. There will be three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening. R. C. Augustine of this city will have charge of the music at the evening session. The institute will be held at Mt. Zion on Thursday and at Decatur on Friday. The institute will be conducted by W. C. Pearce of Chicago. The Normal and Bible training classes will be the chief topics of discussion.

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The Price of Health

is eternal watchfulness
of the food we eat.

Baking powders made from burnt alum are very prevalent in the market. Sometimes they are sold as phosphatic, sometimes as cream of tartar powders, but never under their true character. They are generally offered upon the ground that they are low priced. In appearance they resemble a pure powder, and there is no way except by analysis to detect them until their continued use has impaired the digestion and injured the health.

The common sense and practical way of protecting our bread and cake from alum is by the use of the Royal Baking Powder in making them. The Royal is certified by the Government and State Chemists free from alum and absolutely pure, and its high quality and healthfulness are altogether above question. Consumers may use the Royal with full assurance not only that it makes the best food, but that it is the most economical.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

THE CATTO OFFICES

Will be Taken by Dr. F. M. Anderson of Cincinnati.

Dr. F. M. Anderson of Cincinnati will take the offices in the Powers building occupied by the late Dr. William Catto; also the office furniture and fixtures and the stock of drugs. The surgical instruments are not included in the sale.

Dr. Anderson is a well known physician of Cincinnati. For the past five years he has been connected with the Long View insane asylum at that place and has made a special study of nervous diseases. He is a nephew of Mrs. L. A. Buckingham. He will take possession of his new offices on March 1 and will be joined by his family one month later. They will occupy the Hubbard property next door to the Buckingham residence on West William street.

A Great Sermon.

All who heard Dr. S. M. Martin at the Tabernacle last night on "Evil Speaking," pronounce it a great sermon. The big building was nearly full of people, too, and the service one of the very best yet held during the revival. Contrary to custom, he was preach tonight, and every Saturday night throughout the revival. He says Saturday night is too often the devil's night, and he for one does not propose to give it all up to him. His theme tonight will be "Whiners."

Tomorrow he will speak three times. As 4000 tickets have been distributed it is expected that the afternoon meeting will break all records. Rev. Hall probably had the largest meeting for men only ever held in Decatur five years ago in the opera house, when the ushers estimated the attendance at 1600. But he thinks Martin will address more men tomorrow afternoon than he did on that occasion. The subject is "Manhood and the Home."

At night it is expected that hundreds will be turned away. Never since the tabernacle was erected has the interest been so great in revival meetings held there as now. Great results are expected.

Funeral of A. Langham.

The funeral of the late Arthur W. Langham was held Friday afternoon at the residence of Asbury Childers, near Knights Station. There was a large attendance of friends and the members of Easterly Camp, No. 166, M. W. of A., had charge of the services. Rev. George F. Hall officiated and music was rendered by a choir composed of Mr. and Mrs. Lee B. Millikan, Miss Maud Hughes and Mr. Barney.

The pall bearers were J. H. He J. W. M. Burgess, G. S. Seigman, John Lloyd, George Rupert and E. McNutt. The burial was at Salem cemetery.

General Mr. Davis.

Recorder Davis, returning the court to the residence of General Mr. Davis, explained the lines along the expected investigation of the court were.

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